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Subject: REQUIRED ACTIONS REGARDING SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY
REPORT CARDS (SARCs)

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The purpose of this advisory is to provide notice of requirements in the California Education Code related to the preparation and dissemination of School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs). Following are several legal citations in the Education Code that must be addressed by the California Department of Education (CDE) and local educational agencies (LEAs).

33126. (a) The school accountability report card shall provide data by which parents can make meaningful comparisons between public schools enabling them to make informed decisions on which school to enroll their children.

33126.1 (k) Local educational agencies shall make these school accountability report cards available through the Internet or through paper copies.

33126.1 (h) The State Department of Education shall maintain current Internet links with the Web sites of local educational agencies to provide parents and the public with easy access to the school accountability report cards maintained on the Internet. In order to ensure the currency of these Internet links, local educational agencies that provide access to school accountability report cards through the Internet shall furnish current Uniform Resource Locators for their Web sites to the State Department of Education.

In accordance with the preceding requirements, the CDE is establishing links from its web site to each LEA. Your assistance is essential to ensure that the CDE has the correct information on how to link to your agency's web site. To inspect the link that is currently identified by the CDE for your LEA, please visit the SARC web site at:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ope/sarc/>

Click the link called "Links to County/District SARCs", and follow the steps for selecting your agency.

If the link currently identified by the CDE is not correct for your LEA, please return to the above address, click "Update Your SARC Web Site Link", and complete the electronic update form.

If you have questions or need assistance, you may contact the Research and Analysis Unit by telephone at (916) 651-8637, or by e-mail at sarc@cde.ca.gov.